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TO: American Heart Association,
American Red Cross,
Association of Public Safety Communications Officials,
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Administrators Association of California,
Emergency Medical Directors Association of California,
EMS for Children Technical Advisory Committee,
California Ambulance Association,
California Chapter of American College of Emergency Physicians,
California Chapter of National Emergency Numbers Association,
California Commission on EMS
California Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training
California Emergency Nurses Association,
California Fire Chiefs Association,
California Healthcare Association,
California Highway Patrol,
California League of Cities,
California Peace Officers Association,
California Police Chiefs Association,
California Professional Firefighters,
California Public Safety Answering Points,
California Sheriff's Association,
California State Association of Counties,
California State Firefighters Association,
California State Fire Marshal,
EMT-I Task Force,
National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch,
Paramedic Task Force,
American Medical Response,
Kaiser Permanente, and other interested parties

FROM: Richard E. Watson, Interim Director
Emergency Medical Services Authority

SUBJECT: Public Comment Period for EMD Standards

For the past three years the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority and the Commission on EMS have supported the EMS Vision for the Future project. This project was composed of six different EMS-related committees that have worked to



develop updated policies and procedures to improve EMS in California. These committees included the Vision Access Committee that has drafted the attached EMD Standards document.

There has been much stakeholder group discussion regarding the EMD Standards during the Vision process. To provide for a thorough review by EMS and EMD related stakeholder groups, I am now sending out the EMD Standards document for a forty-five (45) day public comment period. During this time I invite you to review and provide feedback to the EMS Authority on the Standards.

You will find the EMD Standards on the EMS Authority's web page at www.emsa.ca.gov. Due to the extensive lists of interested stakeholder groups, we will not be able to provide everyone with a hard copy of the Standards. However, if your agency does not have access to the internet, we would be happy to send you a copy.

Please send your comments to the attention of Carol Biancalana and use the format that is attached to facilitate the compilation of the comments we receive. The deadline for the submission of comments to the EMS Authority via fax, U.S. mail, and/or email is close of business **February 6, 2003**.

If you have any questions regarding the EMD Standards, please contact Carol Biancalana of my staff at (916) 322-4336 or cbiancalana@emsa.ca.gov. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Attachments

